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DATE: October 14, 2003

TO:

Suryaprabha Chunduru

Examiner

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Group Art Unit 1637

FACSIMILE NO:

703.872.9307

RE:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/423,575

Title: PLANT GENE CONSTRUCTS AND THEIR USE

OUR REFERENCE:

ARNO-1-14646

FROM:

Karen Blöchlinger, Ph.D.

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application MESSAGE: are the following:

- Transmittal Letter for Response After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Petition for Extension of Time/Notice of Appeal. (2 pages)
- 2. Response After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. (4 pages)
- 3. Notice of Appeal. (1 page)

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Applicants:

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Amendment Transmittal A.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claim fee is required, as shown below. _X__

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Α	Additional Fee
Total Claims	4	Minus	20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	7	-	0	x	86	=	0.00

Total Additional Fee for this Amendment

\$0.00

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B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 14, 2003, set to expire on July 14, 2003, be extended by three months to expire on October 14, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 3-month extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

C. Notice of Appeal

Transmitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appeal fee of \$330.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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